

# INSULT TO BRITISH FLAG IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

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## THE AFFAIR TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE TREASURY BUILDING

Act by Women Was Culmination of Many Demonstrations Conducted in Washington During the Past Week, Both Inside and Outside of Congress.

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## THE SUPERANNUATED EMPLOYEE.

Retirement Bill Will Add to Efficiency of Government Departments.

President Wilson has signed the bill to retire on part pay the aged employees of the departments at Washington and the new law will be effective in 90 days. With the coming of that law and its application it will be possible to work real reforms in the departments and develop an efficiency that has not been shown before. The law ought to bring large returns in the application of principles of humanity and economy.

In all efforts to modernize methods and develop efficiency in the departments at Washington, the problem of what to do with the old employees has come up early and been puzzling. The departments are filled with very old men and women, those who have given a lifetime to their task, rendered faithful service, drawn their pay, and in old age would be helpless if thrown out of the one place where they know the work to be done.

Public conscience would not support the idea of throwing them out of employment in the days of their dependence even though they are old and argued strongly against retaining them in place. They are incapable of rendering economic service. Many of them totter to their desks and are able to do only mere routine work. Reorganization of the departments along the line of operating economy and business efficiency is utterly impossible until they are disposed of. The civil service retirement law opens the way. Their going will open the door for reorganization along business lines and the opportunity should be utilized.—Ohio State Journal.

**Alco Hall.**  
Some time ago a distiller bought a beautiful estate in the country, and after having the house rebuilt to suit his taste, he set about to give the place an appropriate name. Nothing that he could think of appealed to him, so he decided to consult a friend.  
"Say Bill," said he, going into the office of a friend one afternoon, "I want you to help me out of a hole."  
"All right, old man," responded the friend. "State the case and you will find me right on the job."  
"I want a fitting name for that new place of mine," returned the distiller. "I have considered a hundred, but none of them seems to do."  
"That's an easy one, old man," was the smiling response of the friend. "What's the matter with calling it 'Alco Hall'?"

## MARTIN-FAROUHAR.

Barre Town Residents Were United in Marriage To-day.

Wayne Gordon Martin and Mary Farouhar, both of Barre Town, were united in marriage at 10 o'clock this morning at the Congregational parsonage by Dr. F. L. Goodspeed. They will reside on the groom's farm.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

A daughter was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thain of Prospect street.  
A daughter was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon of Williamstown at the Barre City Hospital. Amasa Campbell of Ballston Spa, N. Y., is in town on a few days' business in connection with his granite interests here.

Francis Barrow, formerly of this city, who has recently completed a thorough course in an automobile school in Detroit, Mich., is visiting friends in Barre before going to East Hartford, Conn., to enter business for himself.

The Netop class of the M. E. church will hold its regular monthly business meeting and social Friday evening, June 4, at the home of Mrs. D. J. Moore, Tremont street. A large attendance is hoped for, as this is the last meeting before the summer vacation.

Emotions Properly Described.

"What did your husband think of that 800 hat you bought last week?"  
"Oh, he just stared over it."—Boston Transcript.

## NEW OFFER MADE TO JUGO-SLAVIA

Premier Nitti of Italy is Said to Have Proposed a Compromise That May Solve the Vexed Adriatic Question.

Paris, June 3.—Premier Nitti of Italy has made to Jugoslavia new compromise proposals intended to solve the vexed Adriatic question, says a Laibach dispatch to the Matin.  
President Wilson's stipulations relative to the eastern boundary of Julian Venetia, has been followed, with a few slight modifications, which are for the purpose of assuring the defense of the city of Trieste, it is said. Abbazia, just west of Fiume, would be under Italian sovereignty. The harbor, however, would be placed under the administration of the league of nations and the suburb of Sussak would be given to the Jugoslavs. With the exception of Lussin and Operto, situated in the Gulf of Quarnero, south-west of Fiume, all the islands along the coast would go to Jugoslavia, which country would also receive all of Dalmatia except the port of Sena, for which an autonomous government is planned.

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The workers poured into the main gate of the factory through streets patrolled by National Guardsmen mounted and on foot under Adjutant General Charles W. Abbott, Jr. The men have been on duty since Governor Beekman declared the town in a state of insurrection last Friday because of rioting. Returning employees met with no interference or picketing activities from the strikers, who walked out a month ago, claiming that the company had failed to meet their demands for a readjustment of the wage scale. The strikers, however, held their strength, the absentees to-day being almost double the number of those who participated in the original walk-out.

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## WORLD'S HOUSING PROBLEMS

Are Being Considered by International Congress.

London, June 3.—Housing problems made acute all over the world by the war are being studied by several hundred delegates to the first international housing and town-planning congress, which opened its sessions at Central hall, Westminster, to-day. Representatives of a score of nations are in attendance.

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## BOSTON FIRE RAGED HOURS

And Atlantic Avenue Water Front Was Masked With Smoke

MANY FIREMEN WERE FORCED TO QUIT

Many Had Narrow Escapes When Several Floors Gave Way

Boston, June 3.—The water front along Atlantic avenue in the vicinity of the South station was masked with smoke for several hours to-day from a fire in a five-story building running through from Atlantic avenue to Purchase street and occupied mainly by Foss and company, Inc., dealers in wool waste.

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## A REVOLVER BY HIS SIDE

Body of Man Found Just Outside of Windsor Village

MAY BE VETERAN OF WORLD WAR

A Man Named Humphrey Left Bag in Windsor Hotel Two Month Ago

Windsor, June 3.—The body of a man was found just outside Windsor, on the Sherman Taylor farm, to-day, under conditions which seem to indicate suicide. The man has not been identified as yet, although there is a belief among the authorities that it may be a young man by the name of Humphrey, who left his traveling bag at the hotel two months ago and has not called for it. On one side of the body lay a revolver, and a box of cartridges, and on the other side a pipe.

The body was that of a man under 30 years of age and it was in good state of preservation. It was neatly dressed. There are two gold front teeth. The contents of the pockets have not been investigated, pending the arrival of State's Attorney Moore. The arms were directed across the breast, Humphrey, the man who failed to claim the bag at the hotel, was an overseas veteran and was discharged from the army. He was last seen in Windsor two months ago. Dr. B. H. Stone is coming from the state laboratory of hygiene in Burlington to conduct an autopsy, and on the result of that examination will depend whether an inquest will be held. At present the theory of suicide is the strongest.

The body was discovered by school children passing through some woods on their way to school at 8:30 o'clock. They told of their discovery of a man lying on his back, and the selectmen were notified; also the district health officer, Dr. C. W. Kidder of Woodstock. The selectmen, R. H. Walker, J. A. Gould and Fred G. Bicknell, went to the place described and took charge of the remains. Later the body was placed in charge of an officer pending the autopsy.

The first report stated that the body was partially covered with leaves, leading to the belief that it was a case of murder and hurried attempt to conceal the body; but later developments seemed to substantiate the theory of suicide.

During the fire, which burned until nearly noon, several of the floors fell. Two fire chiefs and 13 men, who were on the second floor when the floor above collapsed, escaped injury by rushing to the windows and the debris crashed down behind them.

The building was divided into two sections with fire walls and fire doors between, but in an examination of the premises after the flames had been extinguished, firemen said they found a door on the third floor open, permitting the fire to spread to both parts of the building. The state police began an investigation.

## DIPLOMAS AWARDED TO 289 MIDDIES

Secretary Daniels Made the Address, Telling the Men to Throw Off "Slavery to Tradition."

Annapolis, Md., June 3.—Upon the spirit and will of its officers to cast off "slavery to tradition" and venture into the realm of things untried depends the future strength and efficiency of the American navy, Secretary Daniels declared to-day when he addressed the 289 middies in the navy academy here to-day in presenting diplomas to its 289 middies.

Citing as an object lesson the navy's record of resourcefulness in the World war as best exemplified in the North Sea barrage, the secretary delivered an earnest appeal to the young officers not to let the weight of accepted theories restrain their efforts to keep American sea power at the forefront in strategy and invention.

"To some men tradition is a taskmaster, a hard rule, a beaten path," the secretary declared. "To others it is a star in the firmament, a light to the pathway; wings on which to mount for clearer vision and wiser action, to win the goal, not by precedent or rule but by an illumination that is spirit and not deed."

"Few wars were ever won by the same tactics and few by the same weapons. The military leader of the future may navigate his ships by radio and the day may even come when all his fighting craft may be 'airy navies' butting in the central blue."

Coupling with his admonition against diffidence and skepticism toward the untried a reference to the "doubt and delay among naval statesmen" in accepting the American navy's proposal for the North Sea barrage, Secretary Daniels declared that the spirit that gave birth to that "great and original conception" won for the navy the honor of contributing the "outstanding of service" against the submarine menace.

"Let that be a tradition to incite you to newer heights than have ever been attained," he added.

"The American tradition of boldness and audacity," the secretary continued, "enforced by World war achievement will save you from the danger of a slavish adherence to tradition or precedent in method while hastening you with the guiding realization that the tradition of daring and audacity is bounded by no limits or possibilities or miracles."

The secretary told the young officers that they were to be congratulated upon coming into the navy in a day when it holds—and holds deservedly—a higher place in the confidence of the American people than in any period of its history.

A mysterious victim of aphasia in New Jersey can't remember anything about the war, which disposes conclusively of one possibility. He never was in the army, for even aphasia couldn't make him forget about that. Some winter underwear.—The Home Secretary.

## BIGGEST BATTLESHIP IN COMMISSION

Super-Dreadnought Tennessee Cost the United States Government \$20,000,000 and is the "Last Word" in Warship Construction.

New York, June 3.—The super-dreadnought Tennessee, the largest and most formidable battleship afloat goes into commission to-day at the Brooklyn navy yard. Formal ceremonies are set for 2:30 o'clock. Constructed here at a cost of \$20,000,000, she represents the last word in battleship architecture. She is 325 feet long, has a beam of 98 feet and a displacement of 32,500 tons. The Tennessee is the first battleship to recruit her entire personnel from the state from which it takes its name, and represents advantages taken from lessons learned at the battle of Jutland and other important naval battles of the World war.

This last special feature, which distinguishes the Tennessee from all other units of the United States navy is the highly organized "fighting brain," the instant correction of range and the forward mast. Here are concentrated devices for observing enemy ships, a device not known in the battle of Jutland. Special devices are installed in this turret which enable the crew to quickly train the 14-inch guns on the enemy before the line of any other battleship known could even sight the Tennessee. This new device consists of three decks and their fighting complement is 25 men.

By special signaling devices reports from this fighting top can be flashed instantly to all parts of the ship, thus insuring instant correction of range and rapid fire. This "fighting brain" is filled with mechanical devices for range-finding and other delicate instruments never before used on a battleship.

The Tennessee is believed to have been built with more speed than the crew of her crew than any other battleship in the world. Her size makes possible spacious lockers, baths and recreation quarters. She has a handsome furnished club room and library for enlisted men.

She will not actually be put into service until Aug. 1, when she will sail on a practice cruise to Guantanamo, Cuba. Her present crew of Tennesseeans numbers 631. Captain R. H. Leigh is in command.

A large delegation of Tennessee folk is in New York to attend the ceremonies.

## EXPECT ALL THE CANDIDATES EXCEPT HERBERT HOOVER

Senators Johnson and Harding Will Arrive in Chicago To-day—Delegates are Beginning to Pour Into the City.

Chicago, June 3.—Two Republican presidential candidates—Senator Johnson of California and Senator Harding of Ohio—arrived in Chicago to-day and their coming marks the beginning of the active days of the pre-convention period.

Five days remain before the party assemblies in the Coliseum to pick its candidate. Every one of the candidates, except Herbert Hoover is expected here at some time during the convention.

The advance guards of the delegates are beginning to arrive, and by Sunday they will be coming in a steady stream. The majority, to be sure, are technically unpledged, but many have their leaning and very few are claimed by less than three campaign managers.

Some of the chairmen of the incoming delegations are announcing their preferences in prepared statements which breathe the confidence of success, but the political managers standing on the sidelines and making up their slates have found no reason for changing their opinion that a compromise must be applied in being for a candidate who will command a majority.

## TWO CANDIDATES PRESENT.

At Annual Dinner of Lake Mansfield Trout Club.

Stowe, June 3.—One hundred pounds of trout were consumed at the annual dinner of the Lake Mansfield trout club yesterday. Eighty-four sat down and during the day 100 in all were present. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. H. C. Briggs; vice-president, M. C. Lovejoy of Stowe; secretary-treasurer, O. E. Luce of Stowe. The directors to succeed those retiring are: C. L. McMahon, M. C. Lovejoy, G. A. Stratton, C. D. Burt, Dr. H. X. Kingsford. The dues voted are \$10.

Among those present were: Frederick H. Babbitt and Curtis Emery of Newbury, gubernatorial candidates; Dr. D. C. Hawley of Burlington; Dr. H. N. Kingsford and Professor Thibault, registrars, both of Northampton; and Frank Howe of Bennington.

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The entertainment then followed, opening with selections from Landis' new play, "The Great Escape," by George H. Babbitt and Curtis Emery of Newbury, gubernatorial candidates; Dr. D. C. Hawley of Burlington; Dr. H. N. Kingsford and Professor Thibault, registrars, both of Northampton; and Frank Howe of Bennington.

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## BIG GAIN BY VERMONT O. E. S.

Announced in Report Submitted to State Convention in Barre

MANY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

A Reception Was Held in Howland Hall Last Evening

The forty-eighth annual session of the Order of the Eastern Star is being held in the Masonic temple in the Blanchard block, having opened yesterday afternoon under the auspices of Ruth chapter, No. 33, of Barre.

This morning at 9:30 the annual business meeting came to order with the following schedule for the forenoon's work: Report of committee on credentials, appointment of standing committees, address by grand matron, Mrs. Phyllis M. Burditt, and an address by Grand Patron Francis W. Cutting. In the report of the grand secretary, Mrs. Olive J. Stowell, it was divulged that the grand lodge of Vermont had strengthened its ranks by 700 new members during the past year, which augments the membership of the order to 9,100. At present there are in Vermont 79 chapters. Reports of other officers and committees were also included in the forenoon's work. The election of grand officers takes place this afternoon soon after 2 o'clock.

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